



## ***Human Services Advisory Committee***

### **Meeting Minutes**

Renton City Hall  
Council Conference Room, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
December 20, 2011, 3:00 p.m.

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Linda Smith called the December 20, 2011, meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

##### **In Attendance**

Members: Linda Smith, Chair, Rob Spier, Vice Chair, Margie Albritton, Charles Gray, Robin Jones, Adria Krail, Elizabeth Stevens, Nicole Wicks

City of Renton Staff: Karen Bergsvik, Dianne Utecht, Carol Allread

##### **Absent**

Alicia Glenwell

#### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Robin, and seconded by Margie to approve the September and November minutes as written. All were in favor, motion carried, minutes approved as submitted.

#### **III. AGENCY PRESENTATIONS:**

##### ***UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY CENTER OF WASHINGTON***

Oleg Pynda, Executive Director, provided an overview of their programs. They help clients apply for citizenship, apply for services, locate housing, and gain employment. They also offer translation services, parenting classes, mental health counseling and legal advocacy. There are after school programs for youth and the Ukrainian School provides instruction in Ukrainian as a second language and teaches the culture and history of Ukrainian culture. Senior programs include House of Peace, an adult day health care facility, and recreation activities and nutrition services.

##### ***COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF RENTON (CISR)***

Sue Paro, Executive Director: CISR is a partnership between the City of Renton and the Renton School District. They address the non-academic barriers to student success by providing family support, access to basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter, and connecting families to community resources. This help keeps kids in school and on track for graduation. CISR served over 6,000 students and family members during the 2010-2011 school year. The Family Liaison Program is often the first contact for a family in need to stabilize and get back on their feet, helping students to be able to come to school better able to learn. The Mentor Program

matches volunteers with students in need of a caring, consistent adult. They serve as role models and support and encourage their student's success. All services are free to the students and families in Renton School District. Evaluations show that these programs improve academic achievement and attendance.

***KING COUNTY SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCE CENTER (KCSARC)***

Mary Ellen Stone, Executive Director: KCSARC is a victim-advocacy organization that works to provide critical support, tools and direct services to children, women and men. They staff a 24-hour, toll-free Resource Line, and provide trauma-specific therapy and legal advocacy. They strive to help victims heal and become survivors. Over half of KCSARC's clients are under the age of 18 and it is not uncommon for the family to receive multiple services. For example, a legal advocate may work with the family through any legal proceedings, a therapist may work with the child on an individual basis and a family services specialist may work with the parents to help them gain skills and knowledge to support their child. KCSARC also works to educate the community about conditions that lead to sexual violence and helps them change those conditions.

***VALLEY CITIES COUNSELING AND CONSULTATION (VCC)***

Ken Taylor, Executive Director, and Lora Dear, Domestic Violence Manager, explained the programs offered through their agency. Outreach based mental health and substance abuse treatment is offered through the Renton Homeless Services program. They also link the homeless to community services, including access to healthcare. The Promoting Healthy Families Against Domestic Violence program provides ongoing services to parents and children of domestic violence, including education, support, safety planning, and referral to resources that help empower families to be self sufficient. There have been many requests from teens for help recently, so Laura developed a teen dating violence brochure that will get distributed throughout South King County.

**IV. TERMS OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

According to the by-laws, the Chair is a two year term; Linda was elected in April 2011. The Vice-Chair is a one year term and is selected at the January meeting each year. Rob has expressed interest in continuing to serve as the Vice-Chair. Adria, Linda, and Margie formed a Nominating Committee and will complete the process of nominating a Vice-Chair.

**V. RECOGNITION OF ROLF**

The Committee will make a donation for a summer camp scholarship at the Renton Community Center. Rolf loved children and this will be a great way to honor his memory, and celebrate his contribution to the Human Services Advisory Committee.

**VI. CAPACITY BUILDING WRAP-UP AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The four workshops held this year were highly rated. Nathan Phillips, Capacity Building Consultant, also provided 36 hours of direct assistance to agencies, and will provide another 17 hours before the end of the year. A sub-committee of Linda, Adria and Dianne recommend that five thousand dollars (\$5,000) be set aside again in 2012 to provide professional services to improve the capacity of non-profit agencies serving Renton residents. Since this is an application year, it is likely services will be targeted to providing technical assistance with applications. It was moved by Charlie to accept the motion as presented for the dollar amount (\$5,000) and organization (South King Council of Human Services SKCHS). A vote was held and motion passed.

**VII. HSAC VACANCIES-STATUS OF APPLICATIONS**

A total of five applications have been received. All applicants were invited to attend the December meeting. The Nominating Committee will conduct interviews and forward recommendations to Mayor Law, who will make the final appointment. The desire is to have the new member at the January meeting.

**VIII. BREIFING ON STATE OF HUMAN SERVICES**

Karen is working on the regional State of Human Services Committee. Data specific to South King County has been gathered on four main topics: food, housing, healthcare, and education employment. This data will be used to educate people about what the cuts to Human Services mean to the community, and find new ways that organizations can work together to deliver services in the future. The Committee will meet again in January to continue these discussions.

**IX. REVIEW OF HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY-LAWS AND JOB DESCRIPTION**

Linda read the mission statement aloud to the group. She said a review serves as a reminder to hold each other accountable to follow the by-laws and stay on course to fulfill the mission statement.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Charlie, and seconded by Linda, to adjourn the December meeting. All were in favor, motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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*Signature*

NEXT REGULAR MEETING  
January 17, 2012, 3:00 P.M.  
Renton City Hall, Council Conference Room, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor